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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

50 JUNE 2, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT TELEMETRY SYSTEM PHASE II
REVISE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award and authorize entering into a contract with Lee & Ro, Inc., to revise existing plans, specifications, and estimate for the West Coast Basin Barrier Project Telemetry System Phase II.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to enter into a contract with Lee & Ro, Inc., to revise existing plans, specifications, and construction cost estimate for the West Coast Basin Barrier Project Telemetry System Phase II for a not-to-exceed fee of \$225,000. Funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to revise existing plans, specifications, and construction cost estimate for the West Coast Basin Barrier Project (WCBBP) Telemetry System Phase II. Upon installation, the telemetry system will enable the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to remotely collect, store, analyze, and monitor present status information on operational conditions at WCBBP injection and

observation wells and optimize barrier operations for groundwater protection against seawater intrusion.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The consultant has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, and in a responsive manner to support Public Works in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This contract is for a not-to-exceed fee of \$225,000, which includes \$22,500 for contingencies that may arise during progress of the work. Funding for this contract is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Flood Control District Fund Budget. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Chief Engineer or her designee.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract services agreement contains provisions requiring the consultant to comply with the terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The contract services agreement contains provisions requiring the consultant to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to

terminate the contract if it is found that the consultant offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

A standard contract services agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 29, 2005, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 2, 2009, Public Works, acting on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 22 firms to revise existing plans, specifications, and construction cost estimate for the WCBBP Telemetry System Phase II. Two consulting firms responded to the RFP. An evaluation committee, comprised of staff from Public Works, evaluated the proposals and determined that Lee & Ro, Inc., is the most qualified to provide the required services. The evaluation was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The evaluation was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the County's Doing Business with Us website.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Lee & Ro, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The implementation of the WCBBP Telemetry System Phase II will result in an improved Public Works infrastructure.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Farber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)
Department of Public Works (Flood Maintenance)